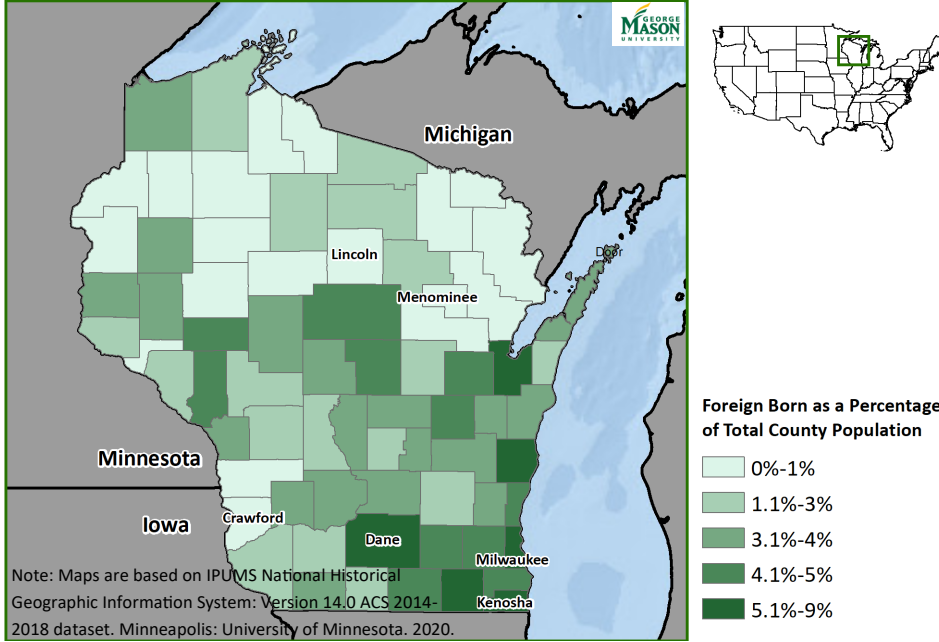


Immigrants in Wisconsin

Figure 1. Immigrants in Wisconsin



2018 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,567,000** : Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **288,100**: Approximate number of immigrants living in Wisconsin (5% of the state's population)
- **16%**: Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in Wisconsin over the past 10 years
- **36th**: Rank of the state of Wisconsin among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

Distribution of Immigrants in the State of Wisconsin

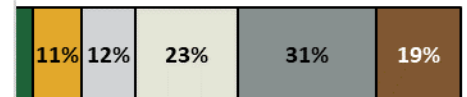
Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Wisconsin. Milwaukee County (9.0%), Dane County (8.6%), and Kenosha County (6.3%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Menominee, Crawford and Lincoln Counties.

Year of Immigration

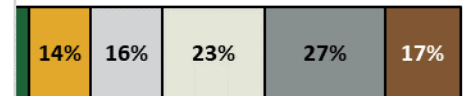
Figure 2 shows that immigrants living in Wisconsin arrived in the United States slightly later compared to all other immigrants in the United States. An estimated 50 percent of immigrants in Wisconsin arrived in the U.S. in 2000 or later compared to 44 percent of all other foreign born. The median year of immigration for foreign-born individuals living in Wisconsin is 1999 which is two years later than the median year of immigration of all other foreign born in the United States (1997).

Figure 2. Year of Immigration

Immigrants in Wisconsin (Est.Pop.=282,745)



Immigrants in the United States, excluding WI (Est.Pop.=42,631,560)



■ 1920-1959 ■ 1960-1979 ■ 1980-1989 ■ 1990-1999 ■ 2000-2009 ■ 2010-2016

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014-2018 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, unless otherwise noted.

¹Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

²A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. A native-born U.S. citizen household is defined as a household which is headed by a native-born U.S. citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. Conversely, an immigrant headed household is defined as a household which is headed by a foreign-born individual, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. With regard to income, the total family income is used. This includes the total annual income of all family members in the household.

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Number of Children per Household²

Immigrant-headed households in Wisconsin are slightly more likely to report living with three or more children compared to all other immigrant-headed households across the United States, as shown in Figure 3. Additionally, the average number of children living in an immigrant-headed household in Wisconsin is 1.2, which is slightly greater than the average number of children living in all other immigrant-headed households across the United States (1.1).

Figure 3. Number of Children per Immigrant Household

	Wisconsin	United States, excluding WI
0 Children	46%	45%
1 Child	18%	21%
2 Children	19%	20%
3 Children	10%	9%
4+ Children	7%	5%
Estimated Immigrant Households	117,545	17,794,583

Figure 4. Family Income

Family Income²

Figure 4 shows that fifty-nine percent of immigrant-headed households in Wisconsin earn more than \$40,000 compared to 60 percent of all other immigrant-headed households in the U.S. The median income of immigrant-headed households in Wisconsin is \$50,412 whereas the median household income for immigrant households in the United States is \$51,321.

Immigrant-headed households in Wisconsin (Est.Pop.=117,545)

Immigrant-headed households in the United States, excluding WI (Est.Pop.=17,793,746)



■ Less than \$40,000 ■ \$40,000 to \$74,999 ■ \$75,000 and greater

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Age Distribution

Immigrants living in Wisconsin are younger compared to immigrants in the rest of the United States. Figure 5 shows that 18 percent of foreign born in Wisconsin are 24 years old or younger compared to 13 percent of foreign born in the rest of the United States. Thirty-nine percent of immigrants in Wisconsin are 45 years old or older compared to 48 percent of all other immigrants in the rest of the United States. The median age of immigrants living in Wisconsin (40) is four years younger compared to that of all other immigrants in the United States (44).

Figure 5. Age Distribution Among Immigrants

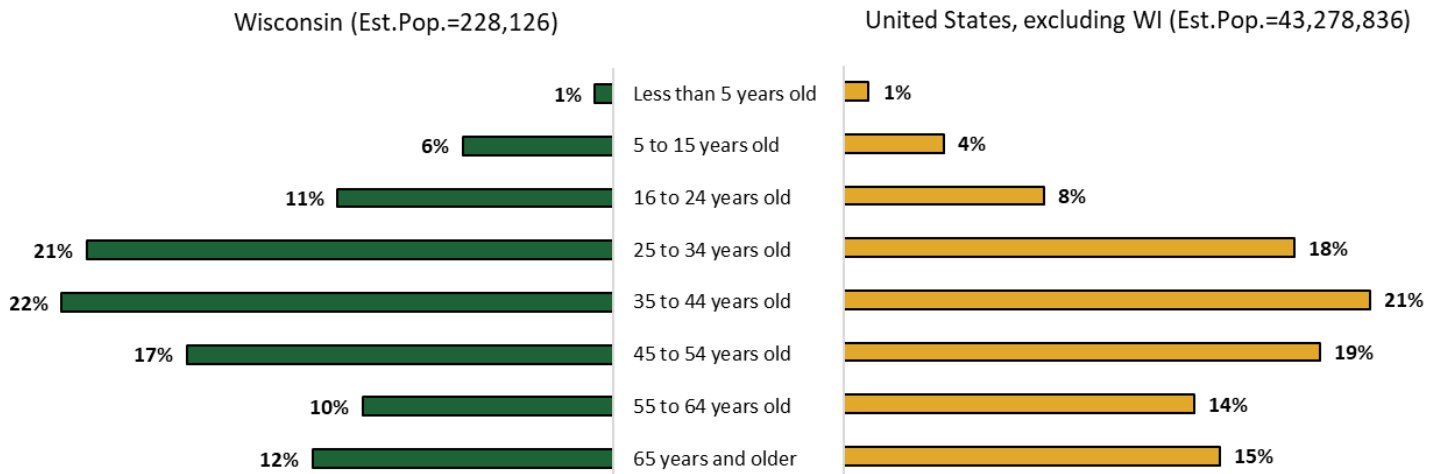


Figure 6. Poverty Rate Among Immigrants

	Wisconsin	United States, excluding WI
Below the poverty level	16%	16%
At or above the poverty level	84%	84%
Estimated Immigrant Population	283,445	42,726,964

Poverty Levels

Figure 6 shows the shares of immigrants living at or above the poverty line in Wisconsin and the rest of the United States are equal. Sixteen percent of foreign-born individuals in the state of Wisconsin and the rest of the United States live below the poverty line.

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Immigration Data on Demand

The iDod service is offered free of charge to help individuals and institutions examine the immigrant populations of their particular geography. Recipients of this data will see how immigrants provide vital contributions to the economy and society of the U.S. Ultimately, the goal of the iDod project is to create collaborations and connect people with data of interest on immigrant populations from their particular geographic region or economic sector.



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